

Message Text

PAGE 01 STATE 248375

17

ORIGIN EA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 INR-07 NSAE-00 PA-02

RSC-01 USIA-15 PRS-01 SP-02 /039 R

DRAFTED BY EA/P:STAFF:PP

APPROVED BY EA/P:AHROSEN

----- 070959

R 112212Z NOV 74

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO ALL EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC DIPLOMATIC POSTS

DEPT OF TREASURY

AMCONSUL BIEN HOA

AMCONSUL CAN THO

AMCONSUL DANANG

AMCONSUL HONG KONG

AMCONSUL NHA TRANG

USDEL JEC PARIS

INFO USSAGE NAKHON PHANOM

CINCPAC

COGARD

XMT AMEMBASSY SUVA

AMEMBASSY RANGOON

UNCLAS STATE 248375

COGARD FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, XC, US

SUBJECT: NOVEMBER 11 EA PRESS SUMMARY

1. INDOCHINA

SEVEN VIET STUDENTS ON WEST COAST DENIED TEMPORARY POLITICAL
ASYLUM AND ORDERED RETURNED TO SVN. THEY FEAR PERSECUTION
FOR CRITICIZING THIEU, BUT DOS TELLS REP ASPIN IT HAS
DECIDED "THEIR FEARS ARE GROUNDLESS" (WSJ). ASPIN SAYS
DOS "GULLIBLE" AND "BLIND TO POLITICAL REPRESSION IN
UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 STATE 248375

SOUTH VIETNAM" IN DECISION. ADDS THAT DECISION (BY STATE
AND INS) BEING APPEALED (AP, NYDN). DOS IN LETTER TO
ASPIN SAYS IT IS AWARE OF NO CASE IN WHICH RETURNEES TO
SVN PERSECUTED FOR POLITICAL ACTIVITIES ABROAD. STUDENTS

CAME ON USAID SCHOLARSHIPS IN 1968 AND 1970 AND VISAS HAVE EXPIRED. ASPIN SAYS USG POLICY RISKS STUDENTS' LIVES. ASPIN CITES CASE OF 118 VIETS RETURNED FROM HK AS ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS, REFERS TO AMNESTY INTL REPORT THAT ALL WERE BEATEN, AND NEWS REPORTS THAT INDICATE 14 HAVE SINCE DIED ON CON SON (UPI, CHITRIB).

TASS ANNOUNCES THAT SOVIET CP OFFICIAL BORIS CHAPLIN REMOVED MONTH AGO FROM HIGH MOSCOW POST HAS BEEN APPOINTED AMB TO HANOI. SOVIET SOURCES SUGGEST HE IS BEING PUNISHED FOR HAVING MISHANDLED OUTDOOR ART EXHIBITION THAT WAS DISPERSED BY POLICE, BUT CP SOURCES SAY NEW APPOINTMENT

IS PROMOTION (NYT).

NYDN'S OSTER REVIEWS JANE FONDA'S HANOI DOCUMENTARY, "INTRODUCTION TO THE ENEMY," FINDS IT "SURPRISINGLY BLAND" AND, AT BEST, AN INTERESTING LOOK AT A SMALL,

UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRY THAT "HISTORY HAS PLACED AT THE CENTER OF THE WORLD'S CONTRADICTIONS." AT WORST, IT IS "ELABORATE HOME MOVIE" FILMED IN IMPATIENT STYLE. FINDS SKETCHES OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE MANAGED TO RETAIN HUMANITY THROUGH 30 YEARS OF WAR TOUCHING AND SOBERING, SAYS IT IS WORTH SEEING DESPITE IMPERFECTIONS, GIVES IT 2-1/2 STARS.

2. CHINA

AP (TOKYO) CITES NCNA REPORT THAT CHOU EN-LAI MET SUNDAY WITH SOUTH YEMEN PRES RUBAYI AT PEKING HOSPITAL. RUBAYI HAD BEEN GREETED BY TENG HSIAO-PING AT PEKING AIRPORT, WHICH BORE STREAMERS READING, "RESOLUTELY SUPPORT THE PEOPLE OF DEMOCRATIC YEMEN IN THEIR STRUGGLE AGAINST IMPERIALISM AND COLONIALISM" (SUN, NYDN).

WSJ REPORTS ESTIMATE BY FNCB THAT IN 1973, PRC'S TRADE UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 STATE 248375

BALANCE PLUNGED 229 MILLION DOLS INTO RED; THIS YEAR, BANK ESTIMATES THAT IMBALANCE WILL REACH 735 MILLION. NOTING THAT UNTIL LAST YEAR, CHINA PERENIALLY HAD SURPLUS OF EXPORTS, BANK REPORT CLAIMS THIS DRAMATIC CHANGE SHOWS PRC HAS "INITIATED A SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN ITS INTERNATIONAL TRADE STRATEGY . . . THAT EVENTUALLY COULD HAVE WORLD-WIDE REPERCUSSIONS." PRC LEADERS APPARENTLY HAVE DECIDED THAT WISEST COURSE IS TO ACCEPT LARGE TRADE DEFICITS TO SPEED CAMPAIGN TO STRENGTHEN INDUSTRIAL BASE. CHINA'S SURGING DEMAND FOR MACHINERY AND OTHER CAPITAL EQUIPMENT CAN ONLY BE MET IF COUNTRY IS WILLING TO IMPORT MORE THAN IT CAN SELL IMMEDIATELY. SEVERAL RECENT TRANSACTIONS HAVE INVOLVED DEFERRED PAYMENT

FOR IMPORTED EQUIPMENT. OIL ALSO SEEMS TO PLAY KEY ROLE IN PEKING'S NEW WILLINGNESS TO GO INTO DEBT. THIS YEAR, CRUDE OIL WILL ACCOUNT FOR ABOUT SEVEN PERCENT OF OVER-ALL EXPORTS, UP FROM LESS THAN ONE PERCENT IN 1970, AND BY 1977 IS EXPECTED TO REACH 13 PERCENT. OFFICIAL PRC STATEMENTS INDICATE OIL PRODUCTION HAS RISEN AT ANNUAL RATE OF 25 PERCENT IN PAST THREE YEARS, MOSTLY FROM TACHING FIELDS; BUT ANALYSTS SAY FUTURE GROWTH PRODUCTION WILL LIKELY CENTER AROUND PO HAI GULF.

SUN'S MOSCOW BUREAU REPORTS SOVIET STILL IS DELAYING OFFICIAL REPLY TO PRC'S OFFER OF NON-AGGRESSION TREATY TOGETHER WITH DISENGAGEMENT OF MILITARY FORCES ALONG

SINO-SOVIET BORDER. MOSCOW SOURCES SAY SOVIET IS SUSPICIOUS THAT PEKING IS TRYING TO WIN PROPAGANDA POINTS WITH WHAT ORIGINALLY WAS USSR PROPOSAL, AND THEREFORE DECIDED NOT TO PUBLISH FULL TEXT IN USSR OF PRC PROPOSAL; KREMLIN ALSO REGARDED PEKING'S FAILURE TO PUBLICIZE ITS OWN STATEMENT INSIDE CHINA AS LACK OF SINCERITY. MEANWHILE, USSR DEBATES HOW TO REACT; EVEN NEGATIVE COMMENT, MOSCOW OBSERVERS FEEL, COULD NOT BE CONSTRUED AS REJECTION, SINCE SOVIETS MIGHT CHOOSE TO PURSUE THIS NEW OPENING QUITE VIGOROUSLY THROUGH PRIVATE CHANNELS.

CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE PRES LEBECK SAYS HIS RECENT TEN-DAY PRC VISIT WAS "UNIQUE JOURNEY INTO ANOTHER WORLD AND AN ALIEN MANNER OF DOING BUSINESS, WHERE UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 04 STATE 248375

PATIENCE IS NOT MERELY A VIRTUE, BUT AN ABSOLUTE NECESSITY." LEBECK ATTENDED CANTON FAIR. TOPICS DISCUSSED WITH OFFICIALS RANGED FROM MECHANICS OF EXCHANGE OPERATIONS TO TOTAL INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURAL SITUATION. LEBECK FOUND THAT PRC HAS MADE VAST STRIDES IN AGRICULTURE, BUT CONCLUDED COUNTRY'S PROBLEM IS POPULATION -- THOUGH THEY APPEAR COPING WITH IT ON "PLANNED, CAREFUL AND METHODICAL BASIS." ADDED THAT IT IS NOT BEYOND REALM OF POSSIBILITY THAT PEKING WILL BEGIN PARTICIPATING IN BOARD OF TRADE FUTURES MARKET (JOC).

WP'S BARNES CITES RETURN HOME OF GERALD TANNENBAUM, ONE OF HANDFUL OF AMERICANS TO REMAIN IN PRC THROUGHOUT YEARS OF CHINESE CIVIL WAR, COMMUNIST TAKEOVER, KOREAN CONFLICT, GPCR AND VN WAR. WWII ARMY CAPT. TANNENBAUM HAD GONE THERE IN 1945 FOR SIX MONTHS TO YEAR, AND WOUND UP STAYING 26 YEARS. BARNES WRITES THAT FOR YEARS PROFESSIONAL CHINA WATCHERS REGARDED TANNENBAUM AS FIGURE OF MYSTERY AND ROMANCE, AND HE GENERALLY WAS THOUGHT TO HAVE BEEN MOST ADVENTURESOME OF 50 OR SO AMCITS LIVING IN CHINA.

TANNENBAUM SAYS ACCOUNTS WERE UNTRUE THAT HE HAD HAD ROMANTIC AFFAIR WITH MADAME SUN; INSISTS THEIRS WAS PROFESSIONAL RELATIONSHIP AND THAT HE HAD SERVED AT HER REQUEST AS ADMINISTRATOR IN CHINA WELFARE INSTITUTE. TANNENBAUM LATER MARRIED ACTRESS CHEN YUANCHI, AND HIMSELF ACTED IN ANTI-US ROLES IN NUMBER OF PEKING-PRODUCED FILMS. HE RETURNED TO US IN 1972 AND HAS BEEN LECTURING AND TEACHING AT COLLEGES FROM YALE TO U. OF CALIFORNIA, TRYING "TO GIVE SOME IDEA OF THE CHINESE EXPERIENCE."

"THING THAT FASCINATED" TANNENBAUM MOST "WAS TO SEE THIS GREAT MASS OF PEOPLE TURN EVERYTHING AROUND, FROM A NATION THAT WAS SICK AND SPLIT AND BLEEDING TO A COUNTRY THAT WAS REORGANIZED. THEY BROUGHT INFLATION UNDER CONTROL AND THEY GOT THE FACTORIES WORKING AGAIN IN THE CITIES AND THEY HAD LAND REFORM IN THE COUNTRYSIDE." ADDED THAT GPCR WAS ONE OF "MOST SIGNIFICANT EVENTS" UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 05 STATE 248375

OF SECOND HALF OF CENTURY. "YOU HAVE TO KEEP THE IDEALS OF THE REVOLUTION PURE. YOU CAN'T LET IT DETERIORATE INTO EVERY MAN FOR HIMSELF, AND TO HELL WITH THE HINDMOST PART. THAT'S WHAT ALL THIS CRITICISM OF CONFUCIUS IS ALL ABOUT BECAUSE CONFUCIUS WAS AN ELITIST." SAID HE AND WIFE HAD NO TROUBLE FROM PRC AUTHORITIES WHEN HE DECIDED TO LEAVE CHINA.

PEGGY PRINTZ, AT KWANG LI PEOPLE'S COMMUNE, DESCRIBES COMBINED WORK-STUDY PROGRAM IN CHINA UNDER WHICH SCHOOL CHILDREN SPEND PART OF CLASS TIME IN FIELDS SUPPLEMENTING THEORETICAL EDUCATION WITH PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE IN RAISING CROPS AND SOME INDUSTRIAL TECHNIQUES (CSM).

3. HONG KONG

BRITISH KNITWEAR MAKERS ARE SWITCHING PRODUCTION FROM HONG KONG TO LOWER-WAGE COUNTRIES, TAIWAN , KOREA, AND EVEN SPAIN OR PORTUGAL. TREND WAS APPARENT AT TRADITIONAL LONDON FASHION FAIR (REUTER, CSM).

4. JAPAN

PRES MET HAK AT CAMP DAVID SUNDAY TO REVIEW PLANS FOR VISITS TO JAPAN, KOREA AND VLADIVOSTOK (UPI, CHITRIB).

JAPANESE TANKER CAPTAIN IS HELD FOR INVESTIGATION OF POSSIBLE NEGLIGENCE IN SATURDAY'S FIERY SHIP COLLISION IN TOKYO BAY, WHICH KILLED 19 CREWMEN AND INJURED 6; FOURTEEN ARE MISSING. OFFICIALS ESTIMATE IT MAY TAKE WEEK TO EXTINGUISHED FIRE ON BURNING TANKER LOADED

WITH 50,000 TONS OF LPG (AP WP, PHINQ, NYDN).

KIMURA, IN LONDON, SAYS GOJ WILL TIGHTEN ITS TRADE REGULATIONS TO AVOID POSSIBLE BREACH OF UN SANCTIONS AGAINST RHODESIA, INCLUDING AUTO EXPORTS AND CHROME ORE IMPORTS (REUTER CSM).

NIPPON STEEL CORP. REPORTS 44 PCT DECLINE IN NET EARNINGS IN FIRST HALF OF CURRENT FISCAL YEAR, ENDING SEPT. 30, DESPITE 27 PCT INCREASE IN SALES. COMPANY UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 06 STATE 248375

OFFICIALS BLAME HIGHER COSTS AND GOVT PRICE CONTROLS

TO 21.6 MILLION TONS IN SAME PERIOD, BUT EXPORTS ADVANCED ABOUT 10 PCT (WSJ).

SHARP INCREASE IN FOREIGN INVESTMENTS IN US LAST YEAR AND THIS IS FANNING PROTECTIONIST SENTIMENT IN CONGRESS (KNIGHT NEWS SERVICE IN SUN). AMID CHARGES AND COUNTERCHARGES ABOUT SUCH INVESTMENT, ESPECIALLY BY JAPANESE AND ARABS, HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE IS STUDYING OVERALL QUESTION OF FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN US AND WHAT LAWS, IF ANY, MAY BE NEEDED TO PROTECT INTERESTS OF AMERICANS EMPLOYED BY ABSENTEE OWNERS.

CSM'S LACHICA, IN TOKYO, DESCRIBES HOW SMALL, RURAL CITY OF TATEYAMA USES CABLE TV TO GIVE ALL ITS SCHOOLS, BOTH POOR AND AFFLUENT, EQUAL ACCESS TO BEST AVAILABLE TEACHING AIDS FROM CENTRAL TV CENTER BUILT AT LOCAL INITIATIVE WITH GOVT SUPPORT.

GLOBE'S STORIN, IN TOKYO, REPORTS OPTIMISM ABOUT FUTURE AT SONY, WHERE NEXT SALES BOOM IS EXPECTED TO COME IN HOME TV TAPE RECORDER MARKET. VALUE OF SONY STOCK DROPPED, BUT SALES UP 30 PCT FIRST THREE QUARTERS THIS YEAR. SENIOR MANAGING DIRECTOR YOSHII FEELS SONY IS IMMUNE TO CONTINUING ENERGY SHORTAGE; YOSHII ALSO DOUBTS SONY WILL BUILD NEW PLANT IN BOSTON AREA, AS ONCE BELIEVED.

5. KOREA

NYT'S BUTTERFIELD, IN SEOUL, REPORTS THAT "ANGRY OPPOSITION" TO FORD VISIT IS ROUSING FIRST ANTI-AMERICAN SENTIMENTS HEARD IN KOREA IN YEARS. VEHEMENCE, WHICH MAY BE DIFFICULT FOR AMERICANS TO UNDERSTAND, IS ROOTED IN MENTALITY OF KOREANS, WHO CAME TO LOOK TO OTHERS FOR "PROTECTION AND LEGITIMACY" DURING LONG PERIODS OF SUBSERVIENCE TO BIGGER NEIGHBORS. THUS, FORD VISIT IS PERCEIVED BY MANY KOREANS AS APPROVAL FOR HATED PARK REGIME. NUMEROUS CHRISTIAN CLERGYMEN, INCLUDING US MISSIONARIES, OPPOSE THE VISIT, AND THERE

ARE OTHER DEMANDS THAT FORD MEET WITH OPPOSITION LEADERS
UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 07 STATE 248375

AND CONVEY TO PARK US CONCERN OVER REPRESSIVE ACTIONS.
BUT US DIPLOMATS INSIST THAT VISIT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH
KOREAN POLITICS AND THEREFORE FORD SHOULD NOT GET INVOLVE
IN MEETING WITH OPPOSITION OR EXPRESS CONCERN TO PARK.
AMBASSADOR SNEIDER TOLD US MISSIONARIES LAST WEEK THAT
IF FORD DID NOT COME TO KOREA AFTER VISITING JAPAN
NORTH KOREANS "COULD TAKE THIS AS A SIGNAL" AND "MIS-
CALCULATE." SNEIDER ALSO TOLD MISSIONARIES THAT
US DOES NOT INTERFERE IN KOREAN DOMESTIC AFFAIRS.
WHATEVER THE OFFICIALLY STATED POSITION, BUTTERFIELD

FINDS SOME EVIDENCE THAT AMERICAN DIPLOMATS BELIEVE
VISIT CREATES DILEMMA FOR US; AND ACCORDING TO ONE
EDITOR MANY KOREANS BELIEVE FORD IS COMING TO "BLESS"
PARK.

NYT (SEOUL) REPORTS THAT AFTER DECADE OF SPECTACULAR
GROWTH, KOREA'S ECONOMY IS SLOWING DOWN DRAMATICALLY
TO 8 OR 9 PCT THIS YEAR IN CONTRAST TO 16.5 PCT LAST
YEAR. CUTBACKS IN PRODUCTION AND RESULTING LAYOFFS,
MOUNTING TRADE DEFICIT (UP TO 1.5 BILLION DOLLARS THIS
YEAR), LOSS OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE AND SLOWDOWN IN FOREIGN
INVESTMENT, ESPECIALLY BY JAPAN, PLUS SEVERE INFLATION
THREATEN TO UNDERMINE THE PARK GOVT'S STRONGEST APPEAL
-- PROSPERITY.

AMALGAMATED CLOTHING WORKERS PLAN NATION-WIDE WORK
STOPPAGE TODAY BY 100,000 MEMBERS TO PROTEST AGAINST
INEXPENSIVE CLOTHING IMPORTS. IN NYC PICKETS ARE
EXPECTED TO DEMAND HALT IN SALES OF KOREAN PRODUCTS
AT BLOOMINGDALE'S AND ALEXANDER'S (AP IN WSJ).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

6. CHINA

LAT'S ELEGANT, IN HK, SAYS CHINA'S ULTRA-RADICAL "LEFTISTS"
ARE RISKING CIVIL WAR BY ACTIVELY INCITING NATIONWIDE
VIOLENCE TO OVERTHROW MODERATES WHO HOLD ADMINISTRATIVE
AND MILITARY POWER. IN SOME PROVINCES, RIVALRY BETWEEN
OPPOSING FACTIONS IS ALREADY CAUSING SCATTERED CONFLICTS;
UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 08 STATE 248375

IN ADDITION, THE LEFT IS CONCENTRATING ON TWO POLITICAL
OFFENSIVES: INFILTRATING AND SUBVERTING PLA, WHILE TRAINING
AND EXPANDING "URBAN PEOPLE'S MILITIA." IF LEFT HAS ITS
WAY, MASS VIOLENCE WILL SWEEP CHINA AGAIN; CALL FOR WIDESPREAD

VIOLENCE, PURGES AND MASS EXECUTIONS IS BEING SOUNDED FOR FIRST TIME SINCE GPCR.

RADICALS APPARENTLY FEEL COMPELLED TO INCITE TOTAL VIOLENCE BECAUSE THEIR POWER BASE IS NARROW AND UNSTABLE AND THEY CANNOT ATTAIN POWER BY NONVIOLENT MEANS. MOREOVER, MAO'S PHYSICAL CONDITION IS DETERIORATING, AND LEFTISTS WHO PREVIOUSLY COUNTED ON HIS SUPPORT MUST NOW PLAN STRATEGY WITH POSSIBILITY OF HIS DEATH IN MIND. THEY HAVE ALREADY REVEALED THAT HE IS PARALYZED POLITICALLY AND INCAPACITATED PHYSICALLY.

OPEN APPEAL TO MASS VIOLENCE WAS MARKED IN TWO ARTICLES IN RECENT ISSUE OF KWANGMING DAILY, BOTH ATTRIBUTED TO PLA SOLDIERS. ONE SAID THAT ONLY ARMED VIOLENCE COULD OVER-

THROW "COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY VIOLENCE" STILL PREVELANT IN CHINA; SECOND DEMANDED EXPANSION OF PEOPLE'S MILITIA AND REDEVELOPMENT OF PLA TO PUT DOWN "ACTIVITIES OF OUR ENEMIES AIMED AT RESTORING CAPITALISM" (GLOBE).
KISSINGER

UNCLASSIFIED

<< END OF DOCUMENT >>

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 27 JUL 1999
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: EA PRESS SUMMARY
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 11 NOV 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974STATE248375
Document Source: ADS
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: EA/P:STAFF:PP
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: n/a
Film Number: D740325-0383
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19741186/abbrzabw.tel
Line Count: 348
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, TEXT ON MICROFILM
Office: ORIGIN EA
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 7
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: golinofr
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 13 NOV 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <13 NOV 2002 by martinml>; APPROVED <13-Nov-2002 by golinofr>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: NOVEMBER 11 EA PRESS SUMMARY
TAGS: PFOR, XC, US
To: ALL EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC DIPLOMATIC POSTS
DEPT OF TREASURY
BIEN HOA
CAN THO
DANANG
HONG KONG
NHA TRANG

JEC PARIS INFO USSAGE NAKHON PHANOM

CINCPAC

COGARD

XMT SUVA

RANGOON

Type: TE

Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005